BEFORE THE APPEALS BOARD FOR THE KANSAS DIVISION OF WORKERS COMPENSATION

FILEMON RIVERA)
Claimant)
VS.)
) Docket No. 206,539
GREAT BEND PACKING CO., INC.)
Respondent)
AND	
NATIONAL UNION FIRE INS. CO. OF NEW YORK)
Insurance Carrier)

ORDER

Claimant appealed the Award dated March 19, 1998, entered by Administrative Law Judge Bruce E. Moore. The Appeals Board heard oral argument on October 28, 1998.

APPEARANCES

Stanley R. Ausemus of Emporia, Kansas, appeared for the claimant. Orvel Mason of Arkansas City, Kansas, appeared for the respondent and its insurance carrier.

RECORD AND STIPULATIONS

The record considered by the Appeals Board and the parties' stipulations are listed in the Award.

Issues

Judge Moore found claimant lacked candor and credibility and denied the request for permanent partial general disability benefits. The only issue in this appeal is the nature and extent of claimant's injury and disability.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

After reviewing the entire record, the Appeals Board finds that the Award should be affirmed. Filemon Rivera is not credible. The Appeals Board agrees with Judge Moore's findings, analyses, and conclusion that Mr. Rivera has failed to prove he is entitled to receive permanent partial general disability benefits.

AWARD

WHEREFORE, the Appeals Board affirms the Award dated March 19, 1998, entered by Administrative Law Judge Bruce E. Moore.

IT IS SO ORDERED.	
Dated this day of Nov	vember 1998.
	BOARD MEMBER
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	BOARD MEMBER

c: Stanley R. Ausemus, Emporia, KS
Orvel Mason, Arkansas City, KS
Bruce E. Moore, Administrative Law Judge
Philip S. Harness, Director